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SUBJECT: AN UPPER BUNDLE STEAM GENERATOR CLEANING,
INSPECTION, AND REPAIR SYSTEM FM-245J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Continuation application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/616,481, filed on July 14, 2000, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/728,905, filed October 11, 1996 which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/239,378 filed May 6, 1994 (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,371) including formal papers as follows:

Applicant: Ashton et al.

Title: AN UPPER BUNDLE STEAM GENERATOR CLEANING,
INSPECTION, AND REPAIR SYSTEM

No. Pages Specification: 31, Abstract: 1; Claims: 9; Drawings: 25; and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney of Application No. 09/616,481.

Filing Fee Calculation

Basic Fee: \$385.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess
of 20: 6 x \$9.00 \$54.00

Number of independent claims in
excess of 3: 4 x \$43.00 \$172.00

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 USC 119, 120, 363, 365, and 37 CFR 1.55; this application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/616,481, filed on July 14, 2000, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/728,905, filed October 11, 1996, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/239,378 filed May 6, 1994 (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,371) for which a reissue application was filed October 15, 1998, Application No. 09/173,570.

A check in the amount of \$611.00 for the filing fee of a small entity is enclosed. If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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